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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Wenxi HUANG *et al.*  
Title: PHOTOCROSSLINKED  
HYDROGEL BLEND SURFACE  
COATINGS  
Appl. No.: 10/802,039  
Filing Date: 03/17/2004  
Examiner: Melanie Yu  
Art Unit: 1641

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, the Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: